

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jennifer K. Stewart on January 26, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1:

A mobile device comprising: a mobile terminal with an associated housing; a wireless headset including a speaker and a microphone; a fastener disposed on the housing for mechanically connecting the wireless headset to the housing; and a detector circuit to determine a position of the wireless headset relative to the mobile terminal, wherein the mobile device automatically selects an electrical interface operating mode for communicating with the wireless headset when the detector circuit determines that the wireless headset is mechanically connected to the mobile terminal, and wherein the mobile device automatically selects a wireless interface operating mode for communicating with the wireless headset when the detector circuit determines that the wireless headset is mechanically disconnected from the mobile terminal.

Claim 3:

The mobile device of claim 2 wherein the electrical interface operating mode and wireless interface operating mode comprise respective first and second operating modes, wherein the wireless headset is adapted to operate in the first operating mode when mechanically

connected to the housing and further wherein the wireless headset is adapted to operate in the second operating mode when mechanically disconnected from the housing.

Claim 4:

The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the wireless headset interfaces with the mobile terminal via a wireless interface when said wireless headset is operating in the wireless operating mode.

Claim 5:

The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the wireless headset interfaces with the mobile terminal via an electrical interface when said wireless headset is operating in the electrical operating mode.

Claim 7:

The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the fastener comprises a recess disposed on the housing for receiving the wireless headset.

Claim 17:

The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the speaker is disposed proximate a top of the housing when the wireless headset is mechanically connected to the housing.

Claim 18:

The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the microphone is disposed proximate a bottom portion of the housing when the wireless headset is mechanically connected to the housing.

Claim 19:

The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the microphone is disposed proximate a side of the housing when the wireless headset is mechanically connected to the housing.

Claim 42:

The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the detector circuit determines that the headset is mechanically connected to the mobile terminal when the detector circuit detects an electrical current flow between the mobile terminal and the headset.

Claim 44:

The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the headset is mechanically connected to the mobile terminal when the headset is secured within a recess disposed in at least one side of a housing of the mobile terminal.

Claim 41 has been canceled.

Claim 43 has been canceled.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marceau Milord whose telephone number is 571-272-7853. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward F. Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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